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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/780,863; Filed: February 19, 2004
For: **Ceramic Nanocomposite Powders Reinforced With Carbon
Nanotubes and Their Fabrication Process**
Inventors: HONG *et al.*
Our Ref: 2236.0010000/JUK/SMW

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:


1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. Return postcard.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036

Respectfully submitted,

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We will keep you informed of any further developments in this case. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 16, 2007, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.